

Our heartfelt thank you to Senator Gerratana and Representative Ritter and all of the members of the Public Health Committee for raising SB294, a bill critical to so many CT families.

Our son Eric, 23 years old, was placed residentially at a group home at Ability Beyond 18 months ago. He entered this residence with emergency status when we just could not handle the sleep deprivation, severe behavioral outbursts, necessary constant supervision, and the list goes on. Prior to that, he remained on the list as a Priority 1, although we were never informed about his status. Getting any information and simply just understanding the process and procedures was truly frustrating.

The change in our son since his move is nothing short of remarkable! Perhaps he sensed the tension and exhaustion in our home. Or perhaps, he is just so much more comfortable with his new feeling of independence, his right as an adult. He is now a calm, happy young adult who now contributes to society. We are truly one of the few success stories.

There are 2100 families now listed as Priority 1. These families have urgent needs! It is imperative that as a state, we use our resources wisely so that all residents can live independently to reach their full potential



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